

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 234

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Sam and Janie Harrill on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 1963, Samuel Houston Harrill and Janie Barton Love were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, PFC Sam Harrill served with valor and distinction for two years in the 26th Signal Corps, 7th Army; he was due to ship out to Stuttgart, Germany, when he and Janie Harrill, who was a student at Hiwassee College at the time, were married at Tuckaleechee Methodist Church in Townsend, Tennessee, during Mr. Harrill's weekend pass; and

WHEREAS, prior to his military service, Sam Harrill attended Hiwassee College and, upon the conclusion of his military service, he earned his bachelor's degree in education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (UTK) in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Janie Harrill earned her degree in elementary education from UTK in 1977 and her master's from UTK in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrill served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for thirty years, spending one year teaching in Polk County and the rest in Madisonville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Harrill served estimably as a teacher for twenty-six years, spending one year teaching in Tellico Plains and the rest in Madisonville; and

WHEREAS, public-spirited citizens of the highest order, Sam Harrill has served as a member of the Jaycees and Janie Harrill has served as President of the PTA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Harrill are active and devout members of the First Baptist Church in Madisonville; and

WHEREAS, this couple's blessed union produced three children, William Keith (Amy C. Mitchell) Harrill, Samuel Brian (Teresa Lynn Lyon) Harrill, and Michael Kurt (Peggy Jean Hooper) Harrill; and three grandchildren, Mackenzie Ann Harrill and Karen Nicole and Hank Harrill; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Harrill have been highly respected citizens of their community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Harrills' are truly the foundation upon which our society is built and serve as a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sam and Janie Harrill on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.